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REMARKS

Claims 7 and 10-23 were rejected as being unpatentable over Lebby (6,158,884) in view of Miyashita (6,327,482).

Lebby discloses a wrist watch with a "conventional watch face" (col. 3, line 32) and a display 27 which slides out of the housing (col. 5, lines 52 et seq.). Display 27 is described as a light emitting device display. In the present invention, however, multiple screens are nested together (see Fig. 4, par. 0027, "three LCD panels which store on top of one another", and par. 0027, the panel is pulled out "and then rise into a co-planar position with screen 101") and pulled apart to form a continuous screen, features which do not appear to be taught or suggested in this reference.

Miyashita has a mobile radio with a fixed screen and an auxiliary display forming a long screen in combination when the auxiliary display is deployed. Fig. 4A shows a slot in the side of the housing for storing the auxiliary screen when not deployed.

In contrast to Miyashita, in the present invention, as shown in Figure 3, the fixed screen is provided with tracks in which the movable screen slides, with the movable screen nesting under the fixed screen when not deployed. This feature does not appear to be taught or suggested in these references.

In view of the excellent art cited, independent claim 7 has been amended to recited the novel features described above. The remaining claims all depend from claim 7 and have been amended to improve the language, except for claims 14, 15, and 18 which have been canceled. New claims 24-26 depend from independent Claim 7.

New dependent claim 27 defines at least one co-planar additional screen extending to the left of the first screen and at least one further additional screen extending

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to the right of the first screen. Support for this configuration is found in the specification at page 3, lines 21-26 of the specification.

New claim 28 is an independent claim directed to three or more screens. New claims 29-33 depend from new independent Claim 27.

Independent claim 28 is drawn to the use of at least three screens as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, all three nesting together when not deployed and extending outwardly when deployed. The claim recites the manner in which the tracks are employed, features which do not appear to be taught or suggested by the art of record. Depending claim 28 adds the grasping member to pull out the two screens to form a continuous display from the three or more screens. This feature also appears to be lacking in the art discussed above.

Independent Claim 34 and dependent Claim 35 define hand-held wireless telecommunications unit displaying images to a user with a first screen and one or more additional screens slidable along at least one track mounted to the hand held body adjacent to the first screen, with the additional screen or screens being movable between a first position wherein they are nested under the first screen and a further deployed position wherein the additional screen or screens form a continuous screen with the first screen.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims in their present form clearly distinguish over the art of record and should be allowed.

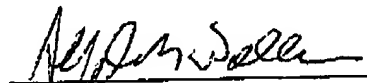
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The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned in the event that more changes are required in order to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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